**TERM 1 WEEK 5 INQUIRY HOMEWORK**

**THE SENATE:**

1. How many ‘Houses’ are there in the Australian Federal Parliament? Name them.

Answer: Two

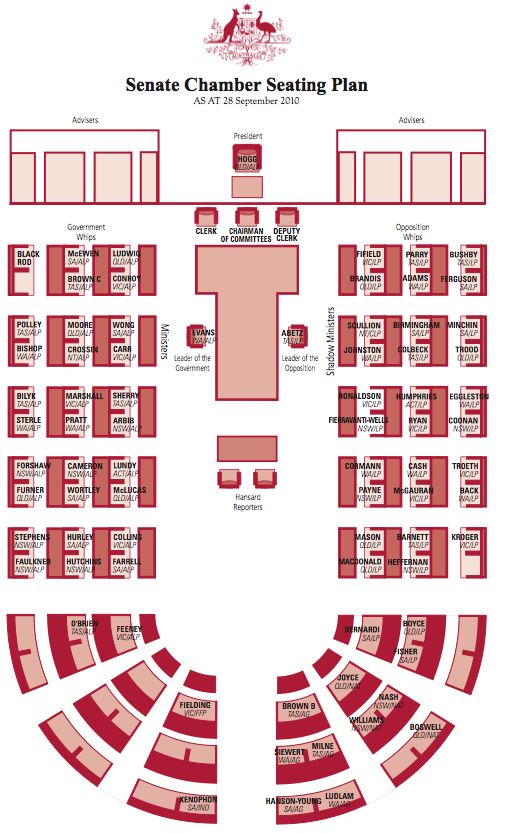
1. Explain the role of the Senate in our Australian Government system.

Answer: the senate’s role both as a state house and in providing checks and balances

1. How many sections are there within the Senate, and how many people represent each of these sections? Answer: there’s eight sections in the senate, one for each state and territory
2. What are you called if you are a Politician in the Senate?

Answer: Senator

1. Who are our local representatives in the Senate? Find a map of our Senate Chamber, and highlight them.



**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

1. 1.How is the House of Representatives different from The Senate and what powers does the House of Representatives have that the Senate doesn’t?
2. Answer: the house of reps is the peoples house. That is the house where the government is formed.it has the power to introduce money bills.
3. 2. Who are some of the more important and influential Politicians who are sitting members in the House of Representatives? Hint: Think about the more famous and well known politicians.
4. Answer: the front benches of both the Government and the Opposition sides of the house sit the most prominent MPs. Examples include: Julia Gillard, Wayne Swan, Steven Smith, Harry Jenkins.
5. 3. Explain what a ‘Hung Parliament’ is and when we last experienced this in Australian Government?
6. Answer: A hung Parliament is when neither side command a majority of seats is the house of Reps hence unable to form government.
7. 4. Who are the members for the following seats, which party do they represent and what are the suburbs and towns that are in their electorate? Which ones are of particular significance? Hint: We met one on Thursday.

* Kooyong, Higgins, Lalor, Griffith, Bennelong
* Answer:

Kooyong- Josh Frydenberg MP LIB

Higgins-Kelly O’Dwyer MP LIB

Lalor-Julia Gillard MP ALP

Griffith-Kevin Rudd MP ALP

Bennelong- John Alexander MP LIB

**AUSTRALIA ELECTORAL COMMISSION:**

1. What is the Commonwealth Electoral Roll and how do you become eligible for enrollment

Answer: The Commonwealth electoral roll is open to the Australian citizens eligible to vote aged eighteenand up

1. In what year were Aboriginal people given the right to enrol and vote at federal elections?

Answer: After the 1967 referendum concerning aboginal citizenry rights

1. Every person who is on the Electoral Roll can have their information viewed as public information. True or false?

Answer: False

1. What is a By-election? Is this used in the House of Representatives or the Senate?

Answer: A by-election is the ballot of a single seat in the house of reps as the result of a vacancy

1. What percentage of votes are required for a Candidate to win the seat they are standing for? This is called an elected Majority.

Answer: Under our voting system which is preferential you are requited to get 50%+1 of the votes to win the seat.

**THE GOVERNOR GENERAL:**

1. Who is our current Governor General, how long has she been our Governor General and how long is the term in which she will serve?

Answer: Quinton Brice has seved as our governor general since the 5th/9/2008. Her term should expire in 2012.

1. What is the role of the Governor General and by whom is she elected by? Hint: Her role includes the three C’s.
2. Constitution
3. Ceremonial
4. Commander & chief
5. Where are the Governor General’s two houses of residence and what are they called? Hint: We saw one on Thursday morning.

Answer:

Government House

Admiralty House

1. Some of the events and activities which take place at Government House in Canberra? Hint: The Governor General’s Aide-de-Camp who chatted to us on Thursday discussed these events with us.

Answer: